(b) if so, the names of items and the prospective countries to whom these are planned to be exported;

(c) whether any export orders have been received or firmed up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Ordnance Factory Board and Defence Public Sector Undertakings have been exporting some of their products for several years after meeting domestic requirements. Products are exported mainly to countries in Asia and Africa and include helicopters, helicopter and aircraft spares, small arms ammunition, exposives, rockets, spares of rifles and guns, clothing items, parachutes and accessories, aeronautical stores, communication equipment, night vision devices, bollard pull tug, components and sub-systems etc. some products have even been exported to countries in Europe and North America. India is also capable of exporting offshore patrol vessels, training ships, survey vessels, anti tank guided missiles, launchers, test equipments, simulators etc.

Deep sea diving

1518. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy has any special division that specializes in under water operations;

(b) if so, to what level of operations such a unit capable of;

(c) if not, whether the Navy has any plans to induct any such unit that specializes in deep sea diving and conduct exclusive under water operations to protect and serve the country as well as be capable to deep sea and under water explorations; and

(d) whether deep sea diving in included the training of the Navy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Depending upon the operational requirement, the Navy possesses the necessary deep sea diving and exclusive under water operations capability.

(d) Yes, Sir.